

NVRA REPORT 2000
State of Illinois
State Board of Elections

Please record the number of registered voters throughout your State at the close of polls in the 1998 federal general election (distinguishing, if your State did so, between the number on your "active" lists and the number on your "inactive" lists).

TOTAL ACTIVE	TOTAL INACTIVE (if applicable)	GRAND TOTAL
<u>6,500,460</u>	+ <u>1,580,555</u>	= <u>8,081,013</u>

Please record the number of registered voters throughout your State at the close of polls in the 2000 federal general election (distinguishing, if your State did so, between the number on your "active" lists and the number on your "inactive" lists). The total "inactive" figure, if any, should exclude registrants who were "reactivated" through voting before the close of polls.

TOTAL ACTIVE	TOTAL INACTIVE (if applicable)	GRAND TOTAL
<u>7,150,468</u>	+ <u>1,790,076</u>	= <u>8,940,544</u>

In the first column, please record the total number of voter registration applications (regardless of whether the applications were valid, rejected, duplicative, or address, name, or party changes) that were received statewide from the sources identified below between the close of the 1998 federal general election and the close 2000 federal general election.

In the second column, please record the number of those applications statewide that were duplicates (i.e., those that contain exactly the same information -- same name, same address, same everything as a registration already on file).

In the third column, please indicate whether the data are complete from the date of your State's implementation of each provision. If not, please explain any missing data on the page below.

	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	DUPLICATES	DATA COMPLETE?
a) From all motor vehicle offices	<u>950,365</u>	<u>88,908</u>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
b) By mail	<u>244,110</u>	<u>15,073</u>	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) From all public assistance agencies	<u>26,490</u>	<u>4,000</u>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
d) From all state-funded agencies primarily serving persons with disabilities	<u>9,014</u>	<u>969</u>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
e) From all Armed Forces recruiting offices	<u>981</u>	<u>133</u>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
f) From all other agencies that were designated by the State (e.g., libraries, schools, etc.)	<u>2,318</u>	<u>224</u>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
g) From all other sources not listed above (such as in-person, deputy registrars, organized registration drives, etc.)	<u>716,499</u>	<u>35,377</u>	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>

Please use this page to explain any missing data on the previous page.

If data are missing because some of your local jurisdictions failed to report to you, please indicate here the total number of your local jurisdictions and then the number that reported.

TOTAL NUMBER OF LOCAL JURISDICTIONS	TOTAL NUMBER OF JURISDICTIONS REPORTING
110	110

Please explain any other reasons for missing data below.

- b) Several jurisdictions are having a problem tracking these separate from their regular Illinois registrations.
f) Many of these are designated by state statute as deputy registrars and as such the registrations are included in (g).

Please record the total number of new valid registrations added to the voter registration lists between the 1998 and 2000 federal general elections. New valid registrations are those that are new to the local jurisdiction (including automatic reregistrations across local jurisdictional lines in States that provide that service, but excluding all applications that exactly duplicate a registration already on file; that are rejected; or that are merely changes in name, address, or other information).

1,261,336

Are these data complete? Y ☒ N ☐

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Please record the statewide total number of 8(d)(2) confirmation notices sent out as well as the total number of responses received by mail to those notices between the 1998 and 2000 federal general elections.

NUMBER OF NOTICES SENT OUT

NUMBER OF RESPONSES RECEIVED

524,165

301,501

Are these data complete? Y ☒ N ☐

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Please record the total number statewide of registrants who were (for whatever reason) deleted from the registration list between the 1998 federal general election and the close of polls in the 2000 federal general election. If your State maintains an "inactive" list onto which you place the names of registrants who have been sent an 8(d)(2) confirmation notice, please distinguish deletions from the "active" and "inactive" lists.

"ACTIVE LIST"
DELETIONS

"INACTIVE LIST"
DELETIONS

TOTAL
DELETIONS

357,248

+ 273,459

= 633,511

Are these data complete? Y ☒ N ☐

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Any other comments you have on the numbers you have provided above.

To the best of my knowledge these are realistic totals. However, some jurisdictions are experiencing problems with breakdown of figures. The major vendors are working on their programs and conducting seminars with the expectation that future reports will be more accurate.

What changes, if any, did you make to your mail registration program or procedures between the general elections of 1998 and 2000?

None

Did you have any particular problems or successes with your mail registration program or procedures that you would like to report?

A major problem is addresses that are insufficient to properly identify the residence for voting purposes.

Also: Illinois requires that mail registrations be printed on 110# card stock to withstand use in the permanent file. There are a lot of registrations coming through that appear to be printed off the internet. Some election authorities are refusing these. Others are reluctant to reject a registration they feel is submitted in good faith.

Do you have any recommendations regarding the mail registration provisions of the NVRA that you would like us to pass along?

The USPS should permit forms to be distributed in their facilities free of charge.

What changes, if any, did you make to your motor vehicle registration program or procedures between the general elections of 1998 and 2000?

None

Did you have any particular problems or successes with your motor vehicle registration program or procedures that you would like to report?

There have been many problems with the Department of Motor Vehicles (a division of the Secretary of State's Office) including lost applications, poorly defined addresses, missing information and lack of communication. The State Board of Elections is working with a liaison in the Secretary of State's Office to up-date manuals and re-train their motor vehicle employees. There is a lot of optimism concerning the results of this endeavor.

Do you have any recommendations regarding the motor vehicle registration provisions of the NVRA that you would like us to pass along?

It is clear in Illinois that nearly 1/2 of all valid new registrations and address changes are taken through motor vehicles. Just obtaining previous address of the applicant, for instance, will have a major impact in the prevention of "inflated" registration files.

And finally, a question on behalf of the Federal Voting Assistance Program:

How does your State distinguish between the national mail voter registration form and the Department of Defense (DD2644) Voter Registration Application form when counting sources of registrations?

Sometimes forms from recruitment are stamped with a return address. Otherwise it is very difficult.